The main reasons for the losses are :—

(i) Un-economic fare structure.

(ii) Rising cost of labour and material inputs.

(iii) Concessions given to the Students and Weaker sections of the society through concession.

(iv) Heavy interest burden on the loans advanced to DTC.

(v) The operation of nealy 3000 redline buses on city routes.

(vi) Operation of many un-remunerative routes on special consideration e. g. university and rural routes etc.

(c) Steps are taken on a continuous basis to improve the functioning of DTC. This has resulted in improvement of :

(i) Fuel efficiency (KMPL).

(ii) Tyre life.

(iii) Accident rate.

(iv) Break down rate.

Further, based on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers (GOM) and the report of a Committee headed by Additional Secretary and F. A. (SFT), the Government are finalising an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation in order to ensure its long term viability. The main suggestions under consideration are :—

(a) Withdrawal from loss making routes ;

(b) Capital restructuring of DTC;

(c) Reimbursement by Government of the losses incurred on account of concessional passes;

(d) Commercial development of land of DTC's depots;

(e) Improved efficiency of operations by lowering cost through better fleet utilisation and improved maintenance practices;

(f) Proposal for making Police Personnel upto the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police, liable to obtain concessional passes instead of free travel, as at present;

(g) Evolving an institutional mechanism for annual revision of fares of DTC;

(h) Conversion of loan given to DTC into equity so as to reduce the interest burden.

Further, consequent upon the introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in DTC w. e. f. March, 1993, a total of 3687 persons have since been retired. This has resulted in the improvement of Bus staff ratio for the operation of the buses. There is a complete ban on further recruitment in the DTC.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Dues from Iraq

*311. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently approached the UN Security Council for allowing Iraq to pay Rs. 2 thousand crores it owed to private company by way of supplying Oil or by providing financial relief through UN funds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) No, Sir, Formal approach to the UN Security Council (UN Sanctions Committee) was not made since informal soundings had indicated that this would not elicit a positive response.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stock of Paraffin Wax Type-III

*312. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is enough stock of Paraffin Wax Type-III in the country and whether small scale units are facing problems in selling their products;

(b) if so, the reasons due to which import of Paraffin Wax is allowed even for the industries which can use type-III spending crores of rupees in foreign exchange;

(c) what is the amount of Paraffin Wax that has been imported in the years 1991, 1992 and